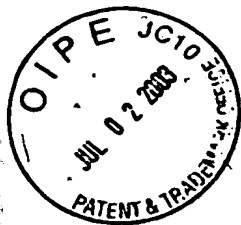
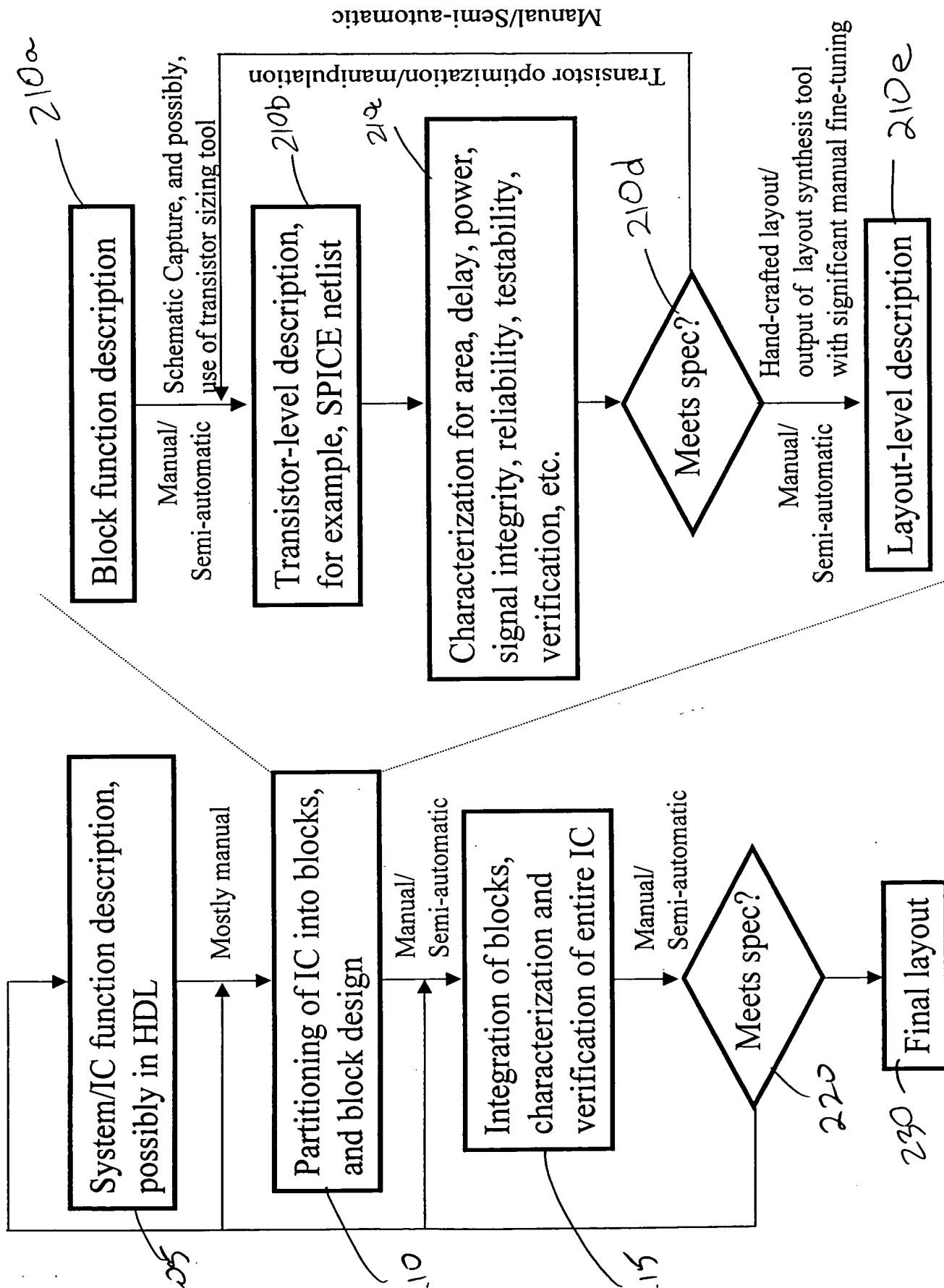


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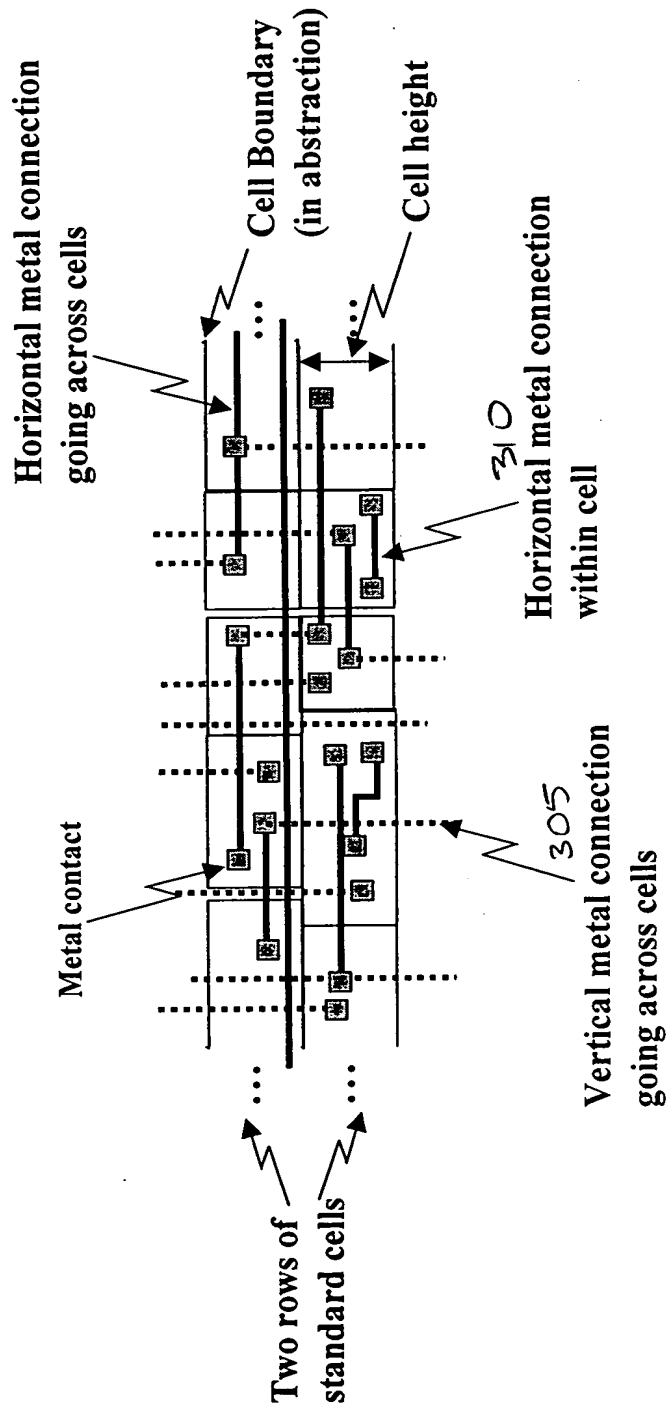


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Fig. 2



Snapshot of a portion of typical modern standard-cell based design, depicting two rows of standard cells, and over-the-cell routing of interconnects, assuming 3 layers of metal connection; actual orientation of "horizontal" and "vertical" is design-specific.

Fig. 3

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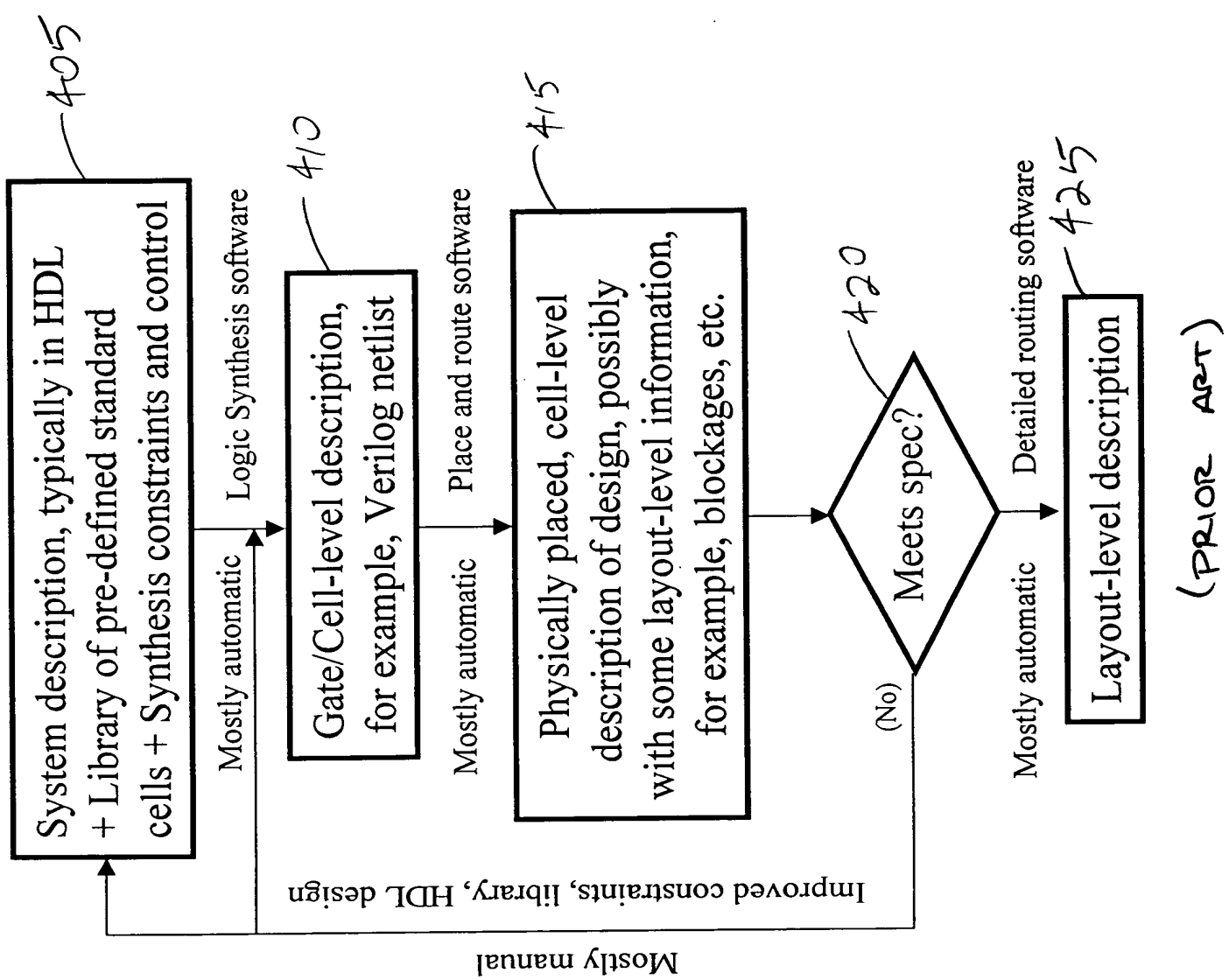


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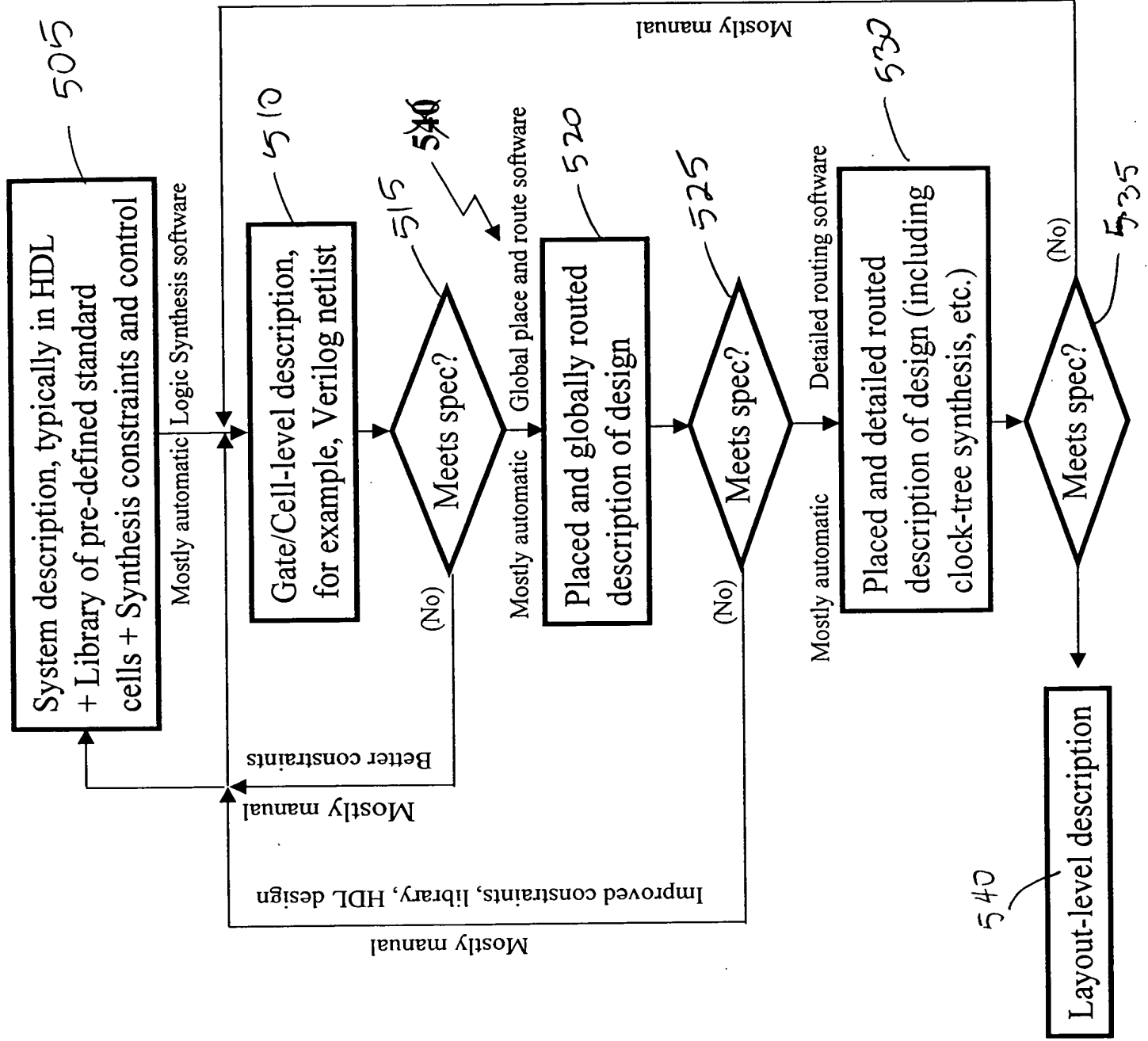
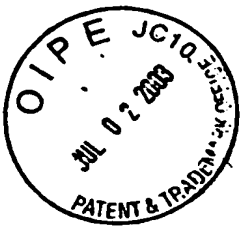


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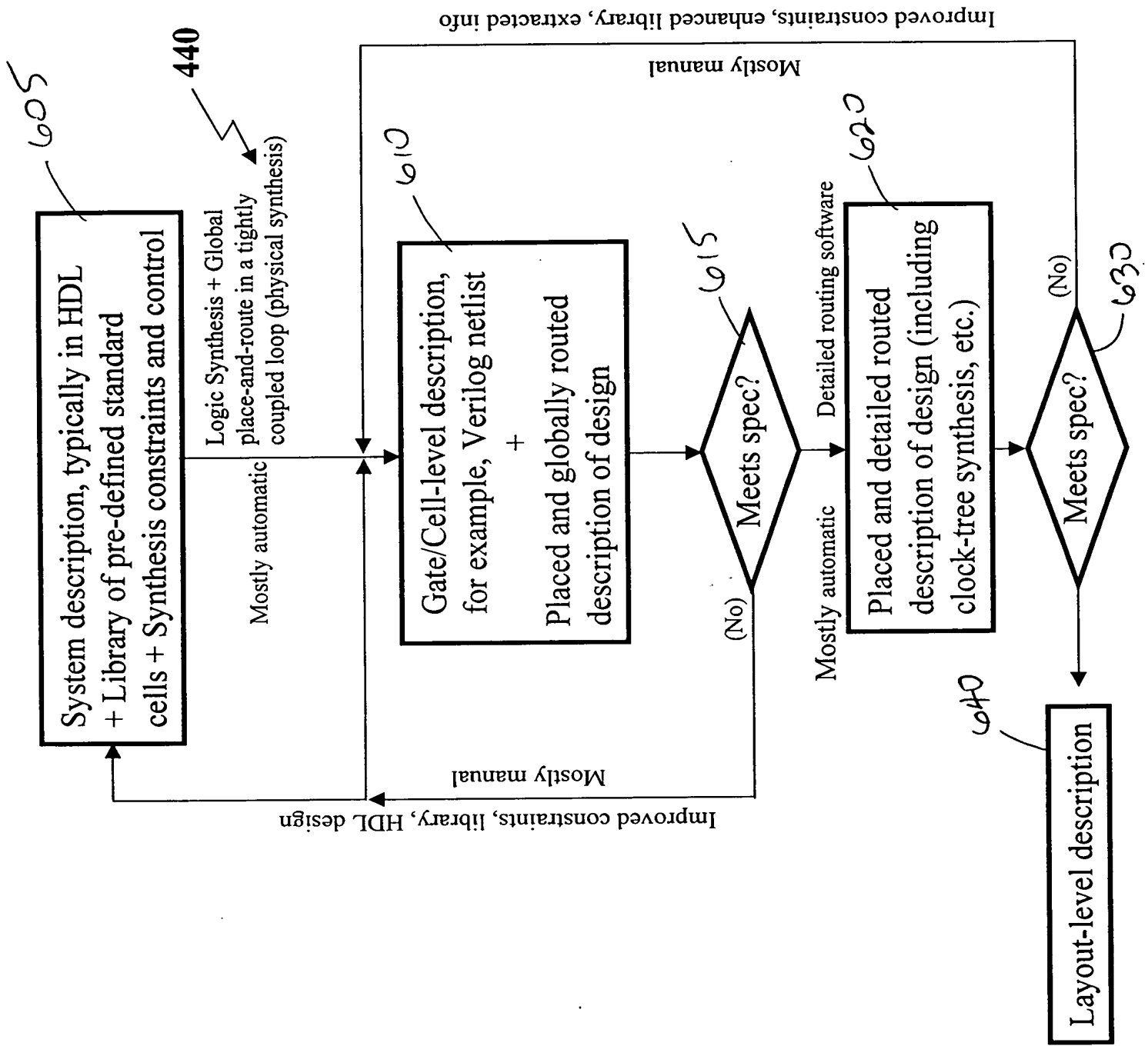
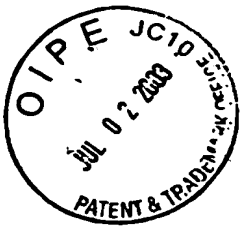


Fig. 6
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